

CSC Orders Agencies To Halt 'Dual Pension' Retirement Practices

The Civil Service Commission today cracked down on Government employees who have connived to draw benefits from both the civil service retirement system and social security.

Chairman Robert Ramspeck of the commission disclosed a situation whereby employees have exercised their optional retirement rights at 60 or 62, and then have been immediately rehired at the same job in their agency.

The rehiring after their official "retirement" places them in the category of temporary employees who are eligible for social security benefits, since all Federal workers hired during the national emergency are given social security coverage instead of civil service retirement.

Consequently, Mr. Ramspeck said, these employees not only are drawing full civil service retirement benefits, but when they reach the age of 65 they will also get social security payments.

Such dual pension coverage is "contrary to the intent and purposes of the civil service retirement and social security systems," Mr. Ramspeck declared.

The commissioner chief ordered all departments and agencies to end such practices immediately.

Mr. Ramspeck said that although only four or five such cases have turned up, he was anxious that such practices be avoided in the future.